



OWASIPPE LEADERS' MANUAL

CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Chicago Area Council

Boy Scouts of America

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DEAR SCOUTMASTER:

This manual is prepared for you as a guide to help with your troop's pre-camp planning, and to acquaint you with the many program opportunities available at the Owasippe Scout Reservation.

Scouts dream of hiking wilderness trails, and of the fun and adventure of camping in the great out-of-doors. Our challenge as leaders in Scouting is to fulfill this dream by making this summer's experience the best yet for Scouts.

This manual will help you plan to meet this challenge.

We look forward to camping with you at Owasippe Scout Reservation this summer.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH C. SIBLEY, JR.
Chairman
Council Camp Operations Committee

EDWARD P. BLACK
Director of Camping

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MR. SCOUTMASTER

Some Reminders:

CAMP FEES

Each "Hold A Place" application for a unit campsite must be accompanied by a \$25.00 per period site deposit. This deposit is NOT REFUNDABLE. The deposit is credited to your FINAL unit fees. Boy fees of \$5.00 per boy, per period are due by April 1, 1974. \$5.00 boy fees ARE REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERRABLE. Final boy fees are due two weeks prior to your camp date. Total cost for your camp plan per boy due by this date.

MEDICAL RECORDS

Complete Scout and adult medical record forms for each Scout and Scouter camping with your troop must be brought to camp with your group. No Scout or Scouter will be classified for swimming until he has completed his medical re-check. There will be a \$10.00 charge to anyone who comes to camp without his physical exam form filled out by a doctor. Units that choose to may provide a pre-camp Medical Inspection by a licensed medical doctor not more than 24 hours prior to arrival at the Owasippe Scout Reservation. Upon arrival at camp, the unit leader presents the completely filled out personal health and medical record to the medical check-in personnel who will issue the proper number of "buddy tags." Please note that the Health and Medical Record MUST be signed by the family doctor and medical doctor conducting the pre-camp Medical Inspection. All persons attending Family Camp must also have a complete medical exam form completed by a doctor.

BAGGAGE

All baggage should have the Scout's last name and troop number on them, and name of his camp. Instruct your Scouts to PACK IT TIGHT, AND KEEP IT TO A MINIMUM. Take enough gear for the time he will be in camp, but leave the frills at home. A suggested list is provided later in this book.

TRANSPORTATION

Is available by Council buses. Buses leave from the Circle Campus of the University of Illinois at 9:00 A.M. the SUNDAY of your troop's departure for camp. Scouts and leaders are

asked to report by 8:15 A.M. on their day of departure.
EACH PERSON MUST BRING HIS OWN BOX LUNCH.

RETURNING buses are due back at the Circle Campus about
2:00-3:00 P.M. the SATURDAY of return from camp.

TICKETS must be purchased at least one week prior to departure.
Roundtrip fare is \$10.50 per person, there are no one-way
fares. Full refunds on unused tickets will be allowed,
providing the ticket is turned in to the Council Service
Center by 12:00 noon on WEDNESDAY BEFORE departure.

EARLY ARRIVAL

We regret that we cannot make arrangements to accept any
troop or individual Scouts prior to 1:00 P.M. the opening
date of the period. These are changeover days and require a
great deal of coordination on the part of the camp staff in
preparation for the new camp period.

UNIFORM

The uniform for all camp leaders is the official Scout summer
uniform, consisting of summer shirt, Scout shorts, long
stockings. Neckerchiefs are worn at evening retreat, and the
evening meal. Good uniforming in your troop depends upon your
example. The uniform for all Scouts is the official Scout
summer uniform. This consists of a Scout V-neck shirt, necker-
chief, Scout shorts and long stockings.

LEADER FEES

There are no camp fees charged the troop's top leader if at
least eight (8) boy campers attend. Additional leadership may
attend on the same basis, in accordance with the following
camper-leader ratios:

- 16 campers - One additional leader at no charge
- 24 campers - Two additional leaders at no charge
- 32 campers - Three additional leaders at no charge

If the number of campers is not evenly divided by eight, the
fee for the additional leader is \$18.00 per camp period.

CAMPER INSURANCE

Every camper at Owasippe Scout Reservation (boy, leader, and Family Camp camper) is covered by a minimum Health and Accident Insurance policy. The camp fee includes this insurance. Coverage commences from the time the camper leaves home enroute to camp, until he returns home from camp.

IMPORTANT

No Scout is covered by this insurance unless his name appears on your troop roster, and he is currently registered as a member of the Boy Scouts of America, and his total camp fees have been paid. Adults and Family Camp campers MUST appear on the troop roster to be covered.

RIFLES, GUNS AND CANDLES

No firearms, ammunition, or fireworks of any kind may be kept in the possession of any camper or unit leader. Council policy prohibits the use of candles in camp.

ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL DRUGS OR STIMULANTS

The consumption, possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs or stimulants while participating in the program of the Owasippe Scout Reservation is not permitted. We will enforce all local, State or Federal laws where violations involving the above are reported.

AQUATICS QUALIFICATION

All Scouts, leaders and Family Camp campers who plan to use the aquatic facilities (including boats and canoes) must take the Aquatics Qualification Test. Each person will be rated according to the following BSA rating:

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| BEGINNER | - Swim 50 feet |
| NON-SWIMMER | - Anyone who does not qualify for the above |
| SWIMMER | - Swim 100 yards (75 yards using side, breast or crawl stroke, and 25 yards using elementary backstroke) |

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

Religious services are offered each week for campers of Jewish, Catholic, Lutheran and general Protestant faiths. The schedule of these services is posted in each camp.

You are encouraged to have your Scouts attend Chapel services. In addition to the Sunday Services, other worship services are offered throughout the week, and can be conducted in your campsite upon request. Chaplains are also available to work with your Scouts on the Religious Awards Program, or for counseling and guidance.

VISITORS

They are welcome at any time. Accommodations for visitors ARE NOT AVAILABLE at the camp. A list of commercial accommodations and public campsites in the Owasippe area are included in this brochure. Parents should understand in visiting their sons at camp that their son is engaged in a busy camp schedule. They should be encouraged to not ask permission to take their son from camp for any great period of time. His leaving disrupts his camp schedule, and cancels his accident insurance while he is off the camp grounds. We suggest parents plan a picnic with their son at one of the designated picnic areas on the Reservation during their visit.

DRIVING TO OWASIPPE SCOUT RESERVATION

Owasippe Scout Reservation is approximately 225 miles from the Loop. The shortest and quickest route to Owasippe is as follows:

Leave Chicago via the Dan Ryan Expressway I-94, continue on I-94 through Indiana to Michigan. Exit north off I-94 to I-196, US 31 at the Benton Harbor exit traveling north towards South Haven-Holland, Michigan. At Holland take US 31 north past Muskegon, Michigan to the Russell Road exit. Turn right on Russell Road (east) to the Camp Administration Center (approximately seven (7) miles from US 31 exit) at the intersection of Russell and Silver Creek Roads.

GASOLINE

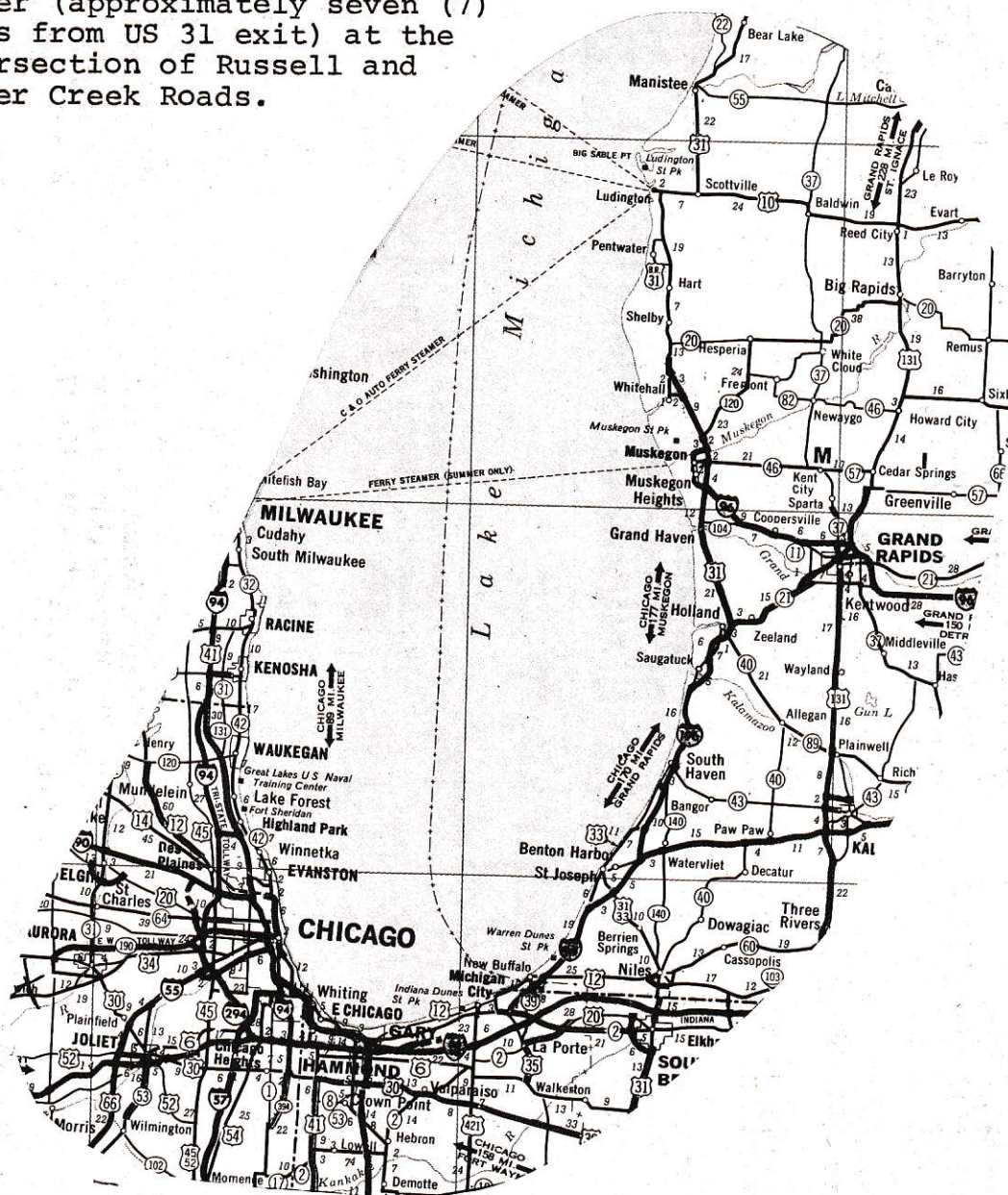
We have found gas stations to be open in the Benton Harbor area on Sundays, and arrangements have been made in Whitehall for the Shell Station to stay open Sundays for Scout leaders and parents to purchase gasoline.

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Cottage Motel
8215 Whitehall Road
Whitehall, Michigan 49461
616-894-4931

Doll House Court
1977 North Whitehall Road
N. U.S. 31
Muskegon, Michigan 49441
616-744-4550

Hillside Motel
9075 U.S. 31
Montague, Michigan 49437
616-894-4490

Holiday Inn of America
Seaway Drive at Hoyt
Muskegon Heights, Michigan 49441
616-733-2601

Lakeland Motel
1002 Colby
Whitehall, Michigan 49461
616-893-6125

The Maples
323 South Mears
Whitehall, Michigan 49461
616-893-5025

Plaza Motel
U.S. 31
Montague, Michigan 49437
616-894-4339

Sun Ray Tourist Court
7606 North Whitehall Road
Whitehall, Michigan 49461
616-894-4824

U.S. 31 Motel
5674 U.S. 31
Whitehall, Michigan 49461
616-893-7344

White Lake Motel
305 East Colby
Whitehall, Michigan 49461

RESORTS:

Lakeside Inn
5700 North Scenic Drive
Whitehall, Michigan 49461
616-893-8315

Murray's Inn
RFD No. 1
Whitehall, Michigan 49461
616-893-7035

Pigeon Hill Resort
Old Channel Trail
Montague, Michigan 49437
616-893-6733

Sea Fever Lodge
P. O. Box 87
Whitehall, Michigan 49461
616-894-4353

White Sands Resort
6235 Old Channel Trail
Montague, Michigan 49437

COTTAGES:

Indian Bay Apartments
7135 Old Channel Trail
Montague, Michigan 49437
616-893-8815

Paul A. Mattson
6325 West Lake Road
Twin Lake, Michigan 49457
616-828-6650

Clarence Peterson
2532 Johnston Road
Twin Lake, Michigan 49457
616-828-6625

Norman Sargent
7037 Old Channel Trail
Montague, Michigan 49437
616-893-8984

Mrs. Roy Zimmerman
Box 341
Twin Lake, Michigan 49457
616-828-6242

MAIL SERVICE

All camps have daily mail service. One leader should be designated as your Mail Officer. Pick up mail at your camp office immediately after the noon meal. A Fourth Class Post Office is operated at Owasippe and is located in the Administration Center. Stamps may be purchased there or at camp's Trading Post. Mail should be addressed to campers as follows:

SCOUT..... (His Name)

TROOP NO..... (Your Troop Number)

SECTION CAMP..... (Name of Section Camp He Is Attending)

C/O Owasippe Scout Reservation
Twin Lake, Michigan 49457

TELEPHONES

There are several pay telephones at the Owasippe Administration Center for Scouts and leaders to use. Due to the vast size of the Reservation, and the great number of persons encamped there, it is impossible to call persons to the phone. In case of a family emergency, you may contact the Reservation Office at Area Code 616-894-4061. They, in turn will arrange for the person in question to return the emergency call.

TROOP PHOTOGRAPHS

Troop photographs are taken on Mondays, by appointment, with your Camp Commissioner. The finished 8 x 10 prints are returned on Friday evening prior to your departure from camp. Cost per print is \$1.50. Each troop ordering prints for all its members will receive one 12 x 16 print free of charge.



PATROL EQUIPMENT

Each patrol campsite is equipped with a patrol table and dining fly. Troops camping at Camp Robert Crown (patrol cooking camp) will also be issued the following per patrol:

Chef Cook Kit	Patrol Kitchen Box
Chef Tool Kit	Liquid Soap
Dutch Oven	Scouring Pad
Griddle	Sanitation Tablets
Hot Pot Tongs	Axe
2½ Gallon Water Jug	File
Charcoal	Saw
Pails	

All of the above equipment can be rented in camps other than Camp Robert Crown for troops who wish to do part of their meal preparation.

TRADING POST

There is a Trading Post located in each of the Owasippe camps. These are operated for the convenience of all troops and offer the following services:

Souvenir Items	Stationery
Handicraft Supplies	Stamps
Scout Literature	Refreshments
Postcards	AND MORE

A complete line of Scout camping equipment, uniform parts, souvenir items, badges and awards are available at the Administration Center Trading Post. A Snack Bar is operated there for Scouts and visitors.

DIETARY LAWS

The Owasippe Scout Reservation is unable to serve Kosher foods, and it is recommended that troops desiring Kosher foods prepare their own meals. Pork products are served at camp. Troops may elect to be served a pork-free menu by so indicating in writing to the Director of Camping before June 1.

FAMILY CAMP

Cabins at Family Camp are available on a first-come, first-served basis with your troop's site reservation and full cabin rental fee. A troop is permitted only ONE CABIN PER WEEK. Additional cabins are available after June 1 to troops who have made "standby" reservations for additional space. No unit will be rented cabin space who has less than ten (10) registered campers.

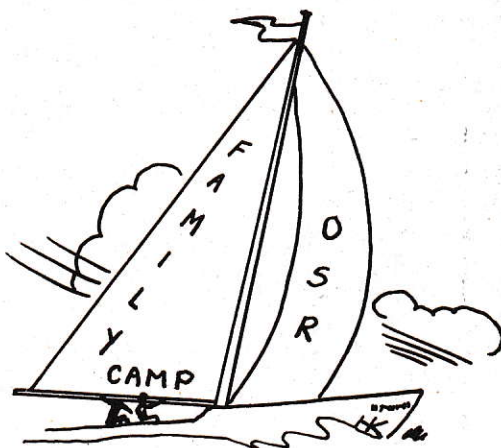
Family Camp campers provide their own bedding (blankets, sheets, pillows), cooking and dining utensils, food and toilet articles. Each cabin is equipped to sleep six comfortably. Beds, mattresses, stove, refrigerator, sleeper sofa, and fireplace are provided in each cabin.

A sanitary and laundry building is provided for each group of 20 cabins. A Grocery Store is located in the Central Lodge Building at Family Camp. The Store carries a full line of canned, fresh and frozen groceries.

The Family Camp program is a relaxed fun program. It features handicrafts, games, swimming, tennis, movies, dances, cards and a variety of activities for your family to enjoy.

Males and pets are taboo in Family Camp. All males 11 years of age and older must camp with the Scout troop in their selected camp. Due to the closeness of the cabins, and the regulations governing the operation of the camp by the State Health Department, pets are not permitted in Family Camp.

Check-in time for Family Camp cabins is 1:00 P.M. on Sunday. Cabins will not be ready for occupancy until that time. Family Camp campers must have their medical re-check at Ad Center prior to reporting to Family Camp for check-in.



BUCKSKIN MEN PROGRAM

A special day camp program for 8, 9, 10 year old boys who are camping at Family Camp. The program is available at a charge of \$5.00 per boy per week. It features morning activity trips to various parts of the Reservation, and culminates in an overnight campout at the end of the week. Buckskin campers will need sleeping gear for their overnight experience.

PACK AND PADDLE TRAIL PROGRAM

A High Adventure Trail Program to wet the appetite of the older boy. Hundreds of marked trails are available for hiking and extended backpacking trips. Canoe trips are offered on a variety of Michigan rivers, including the White, Pine, Muskegon and Pierre Marquette. Troops may participate in this program while attending camp, or register separately for a Pack and Paddle experience using the Reservation only as a starting and ending point. Additional and more specific details are included in the Pack and Paddle brochure.

VOYAGEUR

A special challenge for the older, experienced camper. A minimum three-day experience shared with one or two other Scouts, alone, on the trail and canoe routes of the Reservation, living a High Adventure Outdoor Experience that calls upon their skill as a Scout, their experience as an Owasippe camper, their leadership abilities, and their potential as participating citizens.

OUTPOST CAMPS

New in 1974, four staffed Outpost Camps where older experienced Scouts may go for specialized instruction in Conservation, Survival, Fishing or Horsemanship. Instruction and practical experience are part of the Outpost Program. Scouts may qualify for a special emblem at each Outpost Camp.



HORSEMANSHIP

An exciting and adventurous program where the Scout learns the basics of horsemanship or expands his knowledge to become skilled enough to earn the Merit Badge. There is a riding fee of \$2.25 per ride, which is approximately one hour long.

SAILING

Available on Big Blue Lake, and scheduled through your Commissioner with the Blackhawk Sailing Director. Scouts learn the basics and experience the handling of one of the variety of sailboats.

CAMP ADVANCEMENT

All advancement at camp is accomplished by the methods approved by the Advancement Committee of the Chicago Area Council. Staff support is available to the camp Scoutmaster in the instruction and demonstration of requirements for skill and progress awards. All awards remain the prerogative of the Scoutmaster. Camp staff will be available for specialized instruction, but final qualification is done by the Scoutmaster. Staff will counsel the following Merit Badges:

ARCHERY	INSECT LIFE
ASTRONOMY	LIFESAVING
BASKETRY	MAMMALS
BIRD STUDY	NATURE
CAMPING	PERSONAL FITNESS
CANOEING	PIONEERING
COOKING	REPTILE STUDY
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	RIFLE & SHOTGUN SHOOTING
FIRST AID	ROWING
FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT	SIGNALING
FISHING	SMALL BOAT SAILING
FORAGE CROPS	SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
FORESTRY	SPORTS
HIKING	SWIMMING
HORSEMANSHIP	WEATHER
INDIAN LORE	WOODCARVING

Skill Award Belt Loops, Progress Award Badges, and Merit Badges listed above are available for purchase by the Scoutmaster at the Ad Center Trading Post for awarding to the Scouts at the camp Court of Honor.

OTHER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

The following program opportunities are available in each camp:



AXMANSHIP

HIKES AND OVERNIGHT TRIPS

SWIMMING, BOATING AND CANOEING

FISHING

CAMPCRAFT

TRAILING AND TRACKING

STALKING

MAP AND COMPASS

KNOT TYING AND LASHING - PIONEERING

COOKING

EDIBLE PLANTS AND WOODLORE

NATURE ORIENTATION

ECOLOGY-CONSERVATION

STAR GAZING AND INSTRUCTION

ARCHERY

MO-SKEET

RIFLERY (Not Available At Stuart & Blackhawk)

CAMPFIRES

SPORTS PROGRAMS, INCLUDING SOFTBALL, TETHER BALL,
SOCCER, WATER POLO, TRACK MEET, SWIMMING MEET

ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Order of the Arrow is the Scouting brotherhood of honor campers. It was founded in the summer of 1915 by the directors of Treasure Island, the Philadelphia Council Scout Camp. The Order is a society of Boy Scouts and Explorers that functions as a part of the regular camping program of the Boy Scouts of America. Its foremost purpose is to promote and enrich the ideals of Scout camping.

The Order of the Arrow grew out of a desire to emphasize that the good Scout camper is not only proficient in the skills of Scoutcraft, but also practices the principles of the Scout Oath and Law. It was intended to make these Scout principles more effective in the lives of Scout campers. The Arrow focuses particular attention on making cheerful service and brotherhood working realities to youth.

Candidates are elected by their unit membership rather than selected by those who are members of the Order. Scouts elect other Scouts, and Scouters may elect a Scouter, all on the unit level. Any member of the Boy Scouts of America who is a Scout camper (15 days and nights of camping) is eligible for election. Scouts must have attained the First Class rank.

In order to be inducted at Owasippe, an election must be held prior to June 1, 1974. The election must be conducted by a recognized election team from the local Chapter (district), and a report must be submitted to the Lodge (Council). A card must be on file for every elected candidate, otherwise he will not be eligible for induction at Owasippe.

A Calling-Out Ceremony will be held each Sunday evening during the opening campfire. Ceremonial teams at the section camps will call-out the candidates. Any lone troop camp that has candidates for the Order should send them to the nearest section camp.

There is an Order of the Arrow Honormaster at each section camp. He is there to inform you of all details and to answer any questions you may have concerning the Order of the Arrow.

The induction will be on a Reservation-wide basis, with one ceremonial team inducting all of the candidates on Monday evening at Camp Wolverine North. Order of the Arrow members are encouraged to come to the Ceremony and greet their new brothers, but they must provide their own transportation. A short fellowship period will follow the induction for the new members.

Each section camp will be encouraged to have an Order of the Arrow Night sometime during the week. Here, all members of the Order may gather for a period of fellowship and fun.

For further information, contact your own district Order of the Arrow Chapter, or call 782-3990 (Scout Service Center) and ask for the Camping Service.

REQUEST FOR ORDER OF THE ARROW SUMMER CAMP INDUCTION:

- Present the form below to the Arrowman in front of the Reservation Trading Post on Sunday during medical re-checks at the Ad Center. The eligibility of all candidates will be confirmed at this time.
- Please fill out this form completely prior to arrival at camp.
- A fee of \$2.50 is required of all candidates. This must be paid at the time the candidate's registration form is submitted. This fee includes Order of the Arrow Sash, Lodge dues, Arrow booklets, Ordeal Banquet. Checks should be made payable to the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

SUMMER CAMP INDUCTION REPORT

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Troop _____ District _____ Council _____

Period(s) _____ Camp _____ Site No. _____

FEE	NAME OF CANDIDATE	RANK	CALL-OUT

I certify to the accuracy of the above information.

Unit Leader _____

Approved By _____

SPECIAL CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

AQUATIC CAMP - August 11-17, and August 18-24, 1974

For boys who wish to expand their aquatic skills. An opportunity for the experienced swimmer to earn Red Cross Aquatic ratings, Scout Aquatic Merit Badges, or just perfect his aquatic skills. Cost is \$40.00 per boy, per period.

BIG "O" CAMPER - Available Any Period

A composite troop of Scouts who may not have been able to attend camp with their own troop, or who want to come back to camp for an additional amount of time. Staff leadership is assigned to these troops. Cost is \$40.00 per boy, per period. Space is limited.



